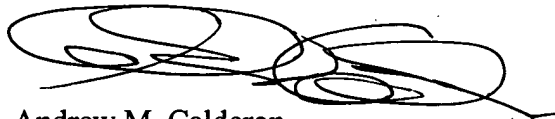


**REMARKS**

By this preliminary amendment, the specification is amended to delete any reference to Figure 26 and to renumber the figures, appropriately. The originally filed figures 27-30b are revised to now refer to figures 26-29b, respectively. In accordance with the instructions of the Notice of Omitted Items dated March 3, 2004, the drawing changes are shown in red ink; however, in compliance with standing Patent Office rules, the drawings are also shown without such red ink revisions. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request examination on the merits. Applicants submit that the application should be accorded the original filing date of November 10, 2003, and that the specification and claims meet all of the requirements of patentability including at least 35 U.S.C. §112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

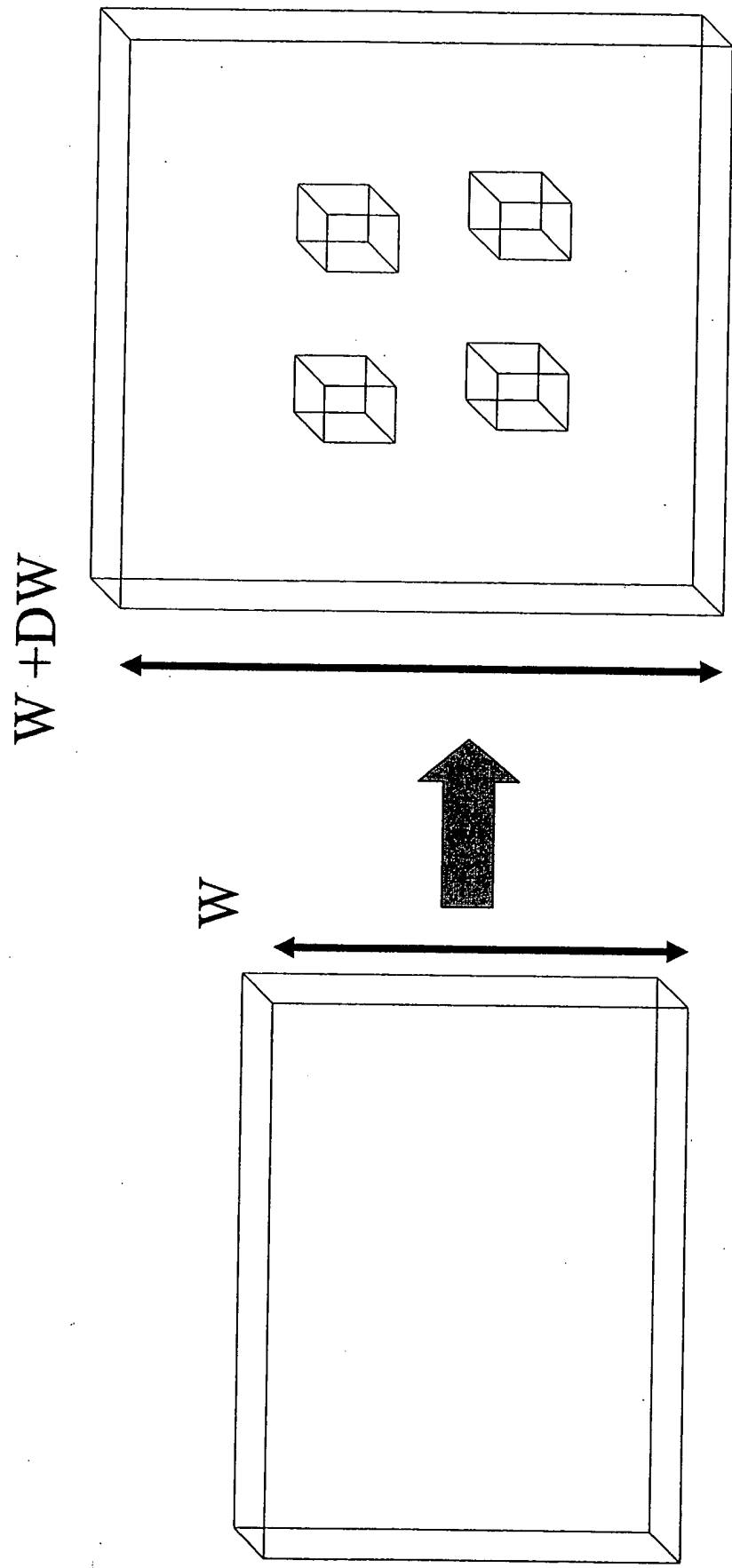
Respectfully submitted,

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Figure 26



ESD Interconnect P-Cell : Cheesing Feature widening of metal in P-Cell for ESD robustness

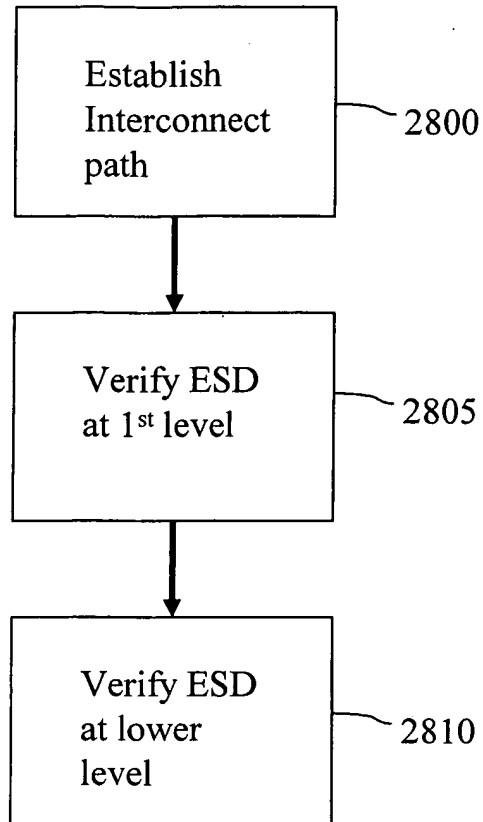
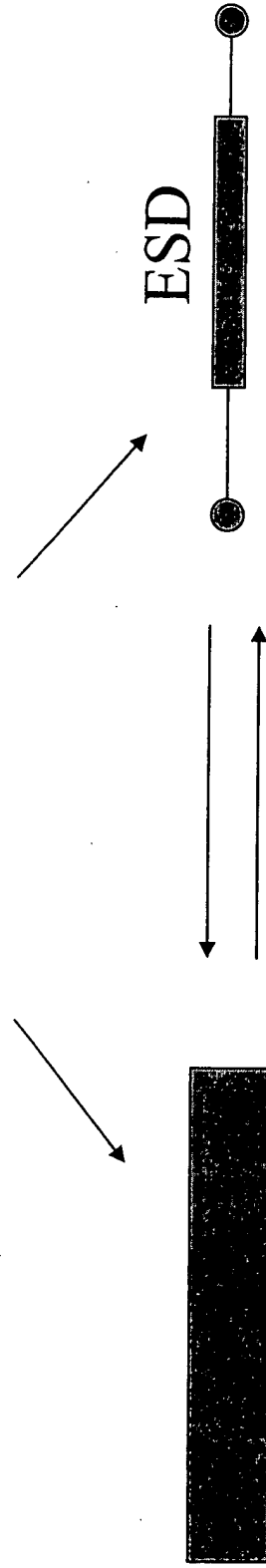
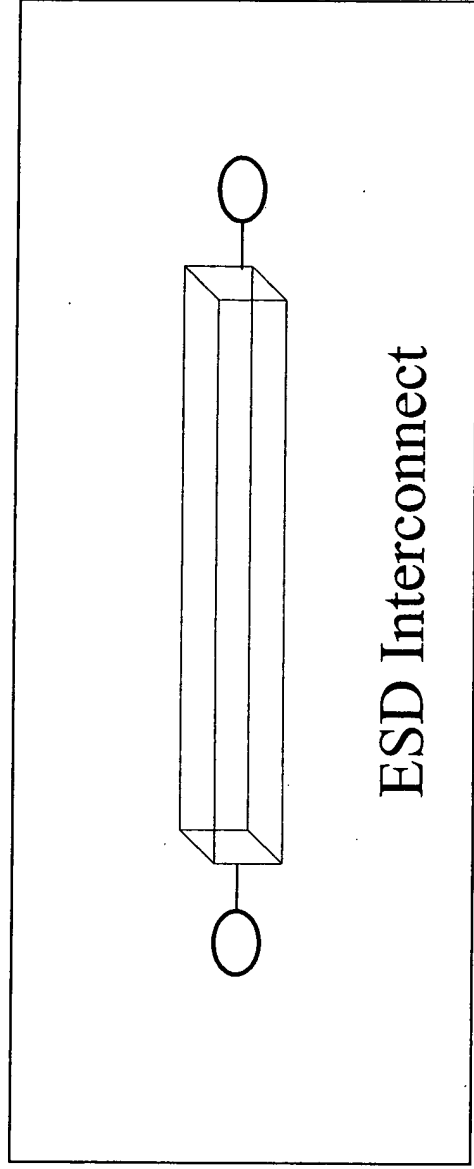


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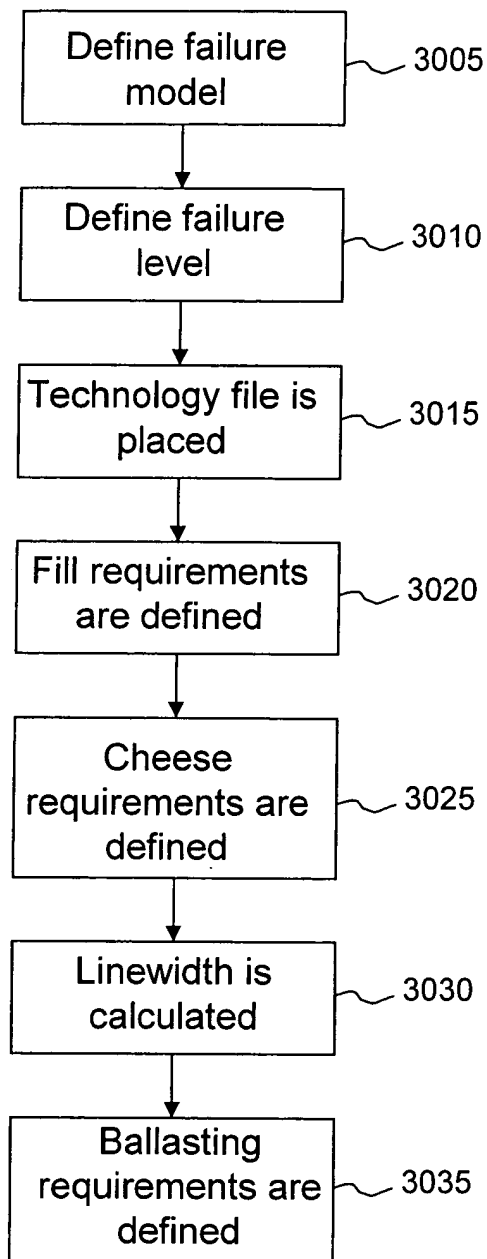
# ESD Interconnect Translation Box

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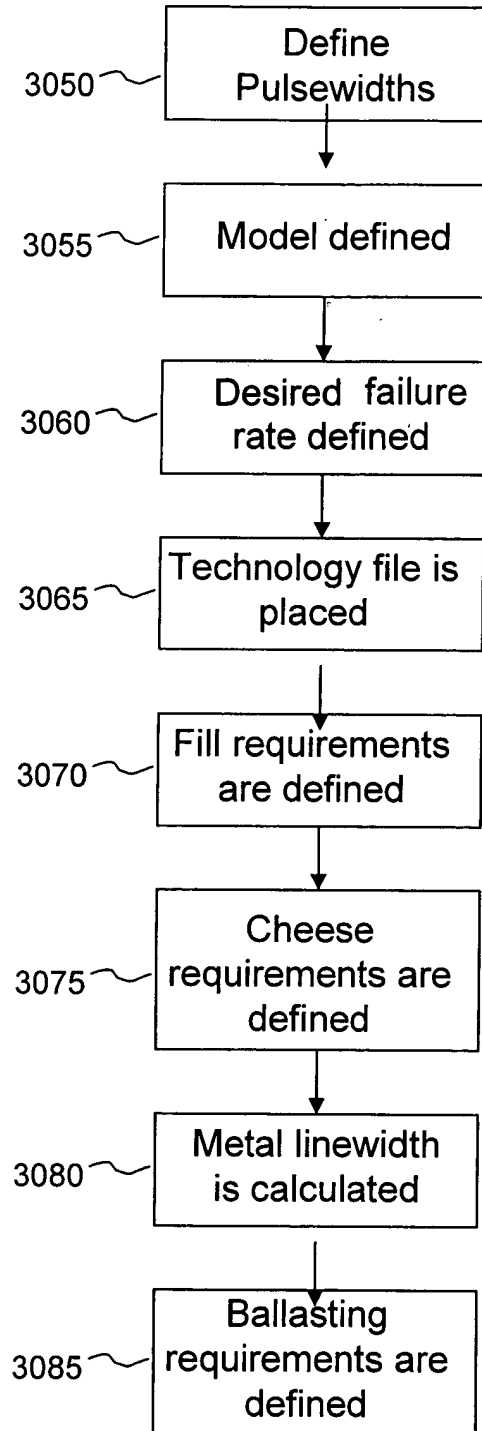


Interconnect P-Cell Graphical      Interconnect P-Cell Schematic

Figure 20-28



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Figure 30a



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Figure 30b